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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Mrs. C. A. Buchanan, residing in the city of Atlanta, was the victim of a negro who robbed and bound her to a bed and set fire to her clothing; her screams brought assistance. —— The Brazilian government has ordered its consul at Oporto to return home immediately. —— The Boer forces with DeWit numbering about 2,000, are now east of Philipstown in Cape Colony. ——Starving peasants in Southern Italy are making trouble for the government. —— The River and Harbor bill passed the Senate with an amendment appropriating $250,000 to obtain a navigable channel of eight feet depth between Wilmington and Fayetteville, N. C. —— Several people reported killed in a railroad collision near McKeesport. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent.; cotton quiet, middling uplands 9½c; flour was generally quiet and about steady; wheat—spot dull but steady; No. 2 red 80½ f. o. b. afloat; corn — spot steady; No. 2 47½ at elevator, and 48s f. o. b. afloat; oats—spot steady; No. 2 31c; rosin quiet, turpentine quiet at 41@41½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 28

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 32 degrees; 8 P. M., 42 degrees; maximum, 51 degrees; minimum, 31 degrees; mean, 41 degrees.

Rainfall for the day 0; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3 21.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., 3 9 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Increasing cloudiness and rain with rising temperature Friday. Saturday fair; fresh southwesterly winds becoming variable.

Port Almanac---March 1.

Sun Rises	6 34 A. M.
Sun Sets	5 55 P. M
Day's Length	11 H. 18 M.
High Water at Southport	4 15 A. M
High Water Wilmington	6 45 A. M

It takes $20,000,000 a year to pay the 20,000 government clerks employed in Washington. About the most work some of them do is in drawing their salaries and spending them.

A Kansas man believes he has inside of him an electric wire with which he can send messages all over the world. This beats Tesla. There are lots of people in Kansas who have wheels in their heads.

That new star which is now engaging the attention of astronomers is only 560,000,000,000 miles from the earth. If it came this way, scooting along at 500 miles a second, it would take it only 30,000 years to hit us.

One of the striking features of the paper which Carrie Nation Hatchet edited for one day in Peoria, Ill., was a picturesque, whole-page whiskey ad., which no doubt added a bunch of dollars to the cash box.

It is said that Admiral Sampson is very much disturbed over the publicity given his Morgan letter to Secretary Long. We should think it would be, for its knocks out his promotion. He forgot to write "burn this" at the botton of the bottom of it.

Last year South Dakota paid $10,000 bounty on wolf scalps, and recently discovered that some hustling bounty pursuers had been dumping a lot of coyote and prairie dog scalps on her. That made her mad enough to want to take some scalps herself.

A six-foot South Carolina man is proud of a beard which he has been cultivating for thirty years, which is now six feet seven inches long. He wears it tucked up and staked down with hair pins. He has a brother out in Arkansas who has a longer beard, and it is red, too.

Mrs. McCarty, of Camden, N. J., presented her husband with a six-ton-pound boy the other day, which made the twenty-first presentation of that kind, although the other twenty were not so hefty. They are hefty stock, however, for Mrs. Mc. weighs 250 pounds and Mr. Mc. 225.

Senator Hoar recently went all the way to his home city, Worcester, Mass., to vote for Mayor, and the fellow he voted for got walloped, for his Democratic opponent was elected, but the old gentleman deserves credit, all the same, for the interest he took in his town election.

The biggest torch in this country is in West Virginia, nine miles from the town of Cameron. They struck gas there recently. The well sends a column of gas 200 feet high, which caught fire and is blazing away. The roar can be head for miles The well is discharging gas at the rate fifty million feet daily.

IN MUNICIPAL COURT.

The Sunday Liquor Selling Cases Drew Large Crowd of Witnesses and Spectators.

INTERESTING POINT OF LAW

Called to Light by Herbert McClammy, Esq., Counsel for One of Defendants. Habeas Corpus Proceeding Pending Settlement of Issue.

Perhaps the most largely attended session of the municipal court held under the present administration was that yesterday beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and lasting until after 6 o'clock in the evening.

The cases that came up during the session were those of J. E. Hinnant, proprietor of the Diamond Saloon on Front street, charging the defendant with the sale of liquor on Sunday, and P. W. Young formerly proprietor of club rooms at corner Second street and Parcell alley, charging him with the sale of liquor without license and selling intoxicating drinks on Sunday.

Interest was added to the hearing from the common belief that the "Society for the Prevention of Vice," recently organized here, was at the bottom of the prosecutions and from the prominence of persons composing the large array of witnesses, of which there were about fifty in the three indictments

The cases came up before Mayor Waddell at the regular hour in the morning, but on account of their possible length were postponed until the afternoon. The first one called was against J. E. Hinnant, who was defended in an able manner by Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., the prosecution having been conducted in the absence at Raleigh of City Attorney Meares by Robert Ruark and Marsden Bellamy, Esqs. Of the ten or fifteen witnesses examined one or two gave testimony that would admit of probable cause and the defendant was bound over to the March term of Criminal Court in the sum of $100, which he gave and was dismissed. The burden of testimony was that the defendant conducted a restaurant in connection with his bar room and that drinks were served only with meals. There were, however, as stated, one or two departures from this line of evidence and the defendant was accordingly held for the higher court.

It was nearly 6 o'clock when the cases against Young were called, and it was agreed, after hearing one or two points of law, to postpone the hearing of the witnesses until this morning at at 9.30 o'clock.

Decidedly a new and interesting question of law was raised by Herbert McClammy, Esq., in his argument touching the case. It was contended by Mr. McClammy that the warrant was absolutely void, for the reason that it was sworn out upon information and belief, and did not directly charge the commission of an offence; that there was no law in North Carolina giving a mayor or justice of the peace the authority to issue such warrant, and citing the case of the United States vs. Tuneand in 20 Federal Reporter, and other authorities, where the constitution of the United States had been construed upon this subject. He declared that the State Supreme Court had not in any case decided the point, but that the trend of decisions were towards the position he had taken. Mayor Waddell said that the point was entirely a new one to him; that he had never heard it raised, and that he would give Mr. McClammy an opportunity to take the case before Judge Hoke at Burgaw on a writ of habeas corpus to be heard next week; that the contention was worthy of much consideration and if correct, that it affected the entire criminal law of the State.

Mr. McClammy laid particular stress upon the point that the defendant had a right to be confronted by his accusers and defend himself accordingly. Counsel for the State argued that the police officer who made the complaint upon information and belief was the complainant contemplated in the law, but the matter was at length adjusted as stated above.

The hearing of testimony in the cases will be taken up at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Married Last Evening.

Mr. John W. Bowden and Miss Daisy King were married at 8 30 o'clock last night, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Lula Lane, corner of Sixth and Wooster streets. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. S. Harvey. A large number of friends were present at the wedding.

Basket Ball at City Hall.

The Boys Brigade and Business Men's basket ball teams will play a match game in the City Hall to night. The business men's team is in the lead in the race for the Zoeller Cup, having won every game played so far. The contest to-night will no doubt be well worth seeing.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Clyde Line—Sailing days.
D. O'Connor—Land for sale.
M. Marshburn—To the public.
People's Savings Bank—Don't forget
S. W. Sanders—A hint to the wise.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

J. T. Brown—Farm for sale.
Wanted—Hustling business men.
Wanted—Five connecting rooms.
Wanted—Five or six room house.
J. B. Cameron—Fish, oysters, game.
Wil. Gas Light Co.—For sale at cost.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The walls of the building for the Schlitz Brewing Companyon Water street have reached a height of about 15 feet.

— Wilmington Lodge, No. 139, I. O. O. F., elected thirty-two new members last night and will initiate them next Thursday night.

— Register of Deeds Biddle issued during the month of February nineteen marriage licenses, eight to white couples and eleven to colored couples.

— Mr. John S. Harriss, dealer in fish, oysters, game and country produce, is handling quantities of game and fish at his stand at the Front street market.

— Maj. D. O'Connor, the well-known real estate agent, advertises for sale 150 acres of land fronting the river three miles from Wilmington, known the as Hart vineyard.

— The German to be given in Germania Hall to-night complimenting to Lieut. W. P. Platt, U. S. A., by a number of his young men friends, will doubtless be a very enjoyable affair.

— The Fayetteville *Observer* says that the work of rebuilding the steamer *E. A. Hawes*, which recently sank at her wharf here and which was towed to Fayetteville last week, is progressing rapidly.

— The next meeting of the Young People's Organ Fund Society of Grace M. E. Church will be held next Thursday night at which time it is hoped to have secured all outstanding subscriptions so that the instrument may be ordered at once.

— An enjoyable sociable was given at the parsonage of St. Paul's Lutheran church yesterday from 3 to 10 o'clock P. M., for the benefit of the improvement fund. Quite a large number of friends called during the progress of the entertainment and a neat sum was received.

THE STATE JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Proposed Redistricting Gives New Hanover Twelve Weeks of Court.

The bill now before the Legislative committee providing for a reapportionment of the State to provide for sixteen judicial districts in lieu of the Criminal Courts, which have been abolished, comprises the Sixth, of the counties named as follows, each one being allowed a number of weeks of court during the year, as indicated by the figures opposite:

Sixth District—Lenoir, 6; Duplin, 4; Sampson, 5; New Hanover, 12; Greene, 4; Onslow, 3; Pender, 3. Total, 37.

Other districts are as follows:

Seventh District—Robeson, 10; Cumberland, 10; Columbus, 5; Bladen, 4; Brunswick, 3. Total, 32.

Eighth District—Union, 10; Stanley, 5; Anson, 4; Richmond, 6; Moore, 6; Scotland, 4. Total 35.

The committee's report may or may not be adopted by the House and Senate, but the figures are interesting nevertheless.

Mr. Sternberg Wont Come.

Lovers of good music in Wilmington will no doubt be much disappointed to learn that Constantine Von Sternberg, the noted pianist, who was to have appeared in a recital at the Opera House Saturday evening, has cancelled his engagement on account of a sprained ankle. Mr. S. A. Schloss received the following telegram from Philadelphia at 9:40 o'clock last night: "Mr. Sternberg met with accident and sprained his ankle and cannot leave. Must cancel engagement."

Judge Fuller's Condition.

Yesterday's Raleigh *News and Observer* says: "Judge Thomas C Fuller, of the United States Court of Land Claims, returned to the city yesterday and has rooms at the Yarborough. Judge Fuller's friends will be pleased to learn that he has entirely recovered from his recent illness at Charlotte. He has since then been spending some time with his sons in Durham."

In the Municipal Court.

Lillie Miller, colored, charged with carrying concealed weapons, was tried by the Mayor yesterday morning and bound over to the Criminal Court under a $50 bond, which she was unable to give, and was committed. King Bell, colored, was sent to the county roads for thirty days for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and resisting an officer.

The Condition of Capt. Knight.

The Star regrets to learn that there is little, if any change for the better in the condition of Capt. James Knight, whose critical illness was noted yesterday. Mr. Eugene Knight, a son residing at Rocky Mount, has arrived to be with his father, and other members of the family have been telegraphed of his serious illness.

To Succeed Mr. Symington.

Circulars have been issued by the Atlantic Coast Line to the effect that Mr. R. E. Smith, assistant to the general manager, will to-day take charge of the Motive Power department of the company to succeed Mr. T. H. Symington, resigned.

— Mr. Frank McIntire, after an absence of several months, arrived yesterday from Norfolk.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Fayetteville Anti-Dispensary Bill Passed the Senate After a Long Discussion.

TO SELL OLD COURT HOUSE.

Bill Passed Both Houses—Amended by Morton So That Naval Reserves May Have an Option on the Building and Pay for It With Bonds.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., February 28.—In the Senate the bill to authorize the commissioners of New Hanover to sell the old court house, as passed by the House, was amended by Morton so that the Naval Reserves have an option on the old building, and pay for the same with bonds. The bill passed as amended.

There was another heated discussion over the Fayetteville Anti Dispensary bill, participated in principally by McIntire, of Robeson, and London against, and Ward and McNeill for the bill. A vote resulted in a victory for McNeill, and passage of the bill to abolish the dispensary.

The bill to appropriate $13,000 a year and $4,000 for improvements at the Soldiers' Home, passed without a dissenting vote. London made a great speech in tribute to the old soldiers, on the conclusion of which a party of ladies came on the floor and presented him with a magnificent bouquet in the name of the Confederate Memorial Association.

Other bills passed: To fix the salary of State librarian at $1,000, and allow $300 for an assistant; to incorporate the Southport & Western Railroad Company; for relief of taxpayers of Harnett county; to establish a State's prison parole commission.

Passed second reading: To establish a dispensary at Winton; to amend the charter of Scotland Neck; to establish the stock law in Wayne county.

Bills introduced: By Glenn, to regulate employment of counsel for State institutions. By Travis, to change the time for holding the Spring term of Halifax court.

Stubbs' bill to amend section 2, article 9, of the Constitution, to allow either race to levy a special school tax for exclusive use, was considered at length and re referred to the Judiciary committee by a vote of 65 to 37. In the language of the introducer, "this means the sleep of death."

Other bills passed: To prevent fishing for perch with nets in parts of New River, Onslow county; to incorporate the Bank of Youngville.

Bills introduced: By McLean, to appoint justices of the peace for Scotland county. By Winston, to ascertain those who pay poll tax. By Shelton, to amend the charter of the East Carolina Railroad Co. By Daniels, of Warren, to charter the Weldon Steamboat Co. By Smith, to prevent indebtedness of State institutions without legislative authority. By Dees, to provide for the oyster industry in North Carolina. By Shannonhouse, to prevent merchants dealing in trading stamps.

The Revenue Bill.

In accordance with the special order the House resolved itself into committe of the whole at one o'clock to consider the Revenue bill. Sections one and two were adopted without offer of an amendment. A motion to amend section three and change the school tax to 20 cents instead of 18 was lost. The section was adopted.

Rountree offered an amendment to section four by exempting undivided profits of banks. It was voted down and the section was adopted.

Then the committee of the whole arose, progress was reported to the House and the sections passed on were adopted.

The principal business transacted in the House in the afternoon was the passage of local bills. Among them were to incorporate the Bank of Benson, Harnett county; to improve public roads of Charlotte township; to authorize commissioners of Duplin to sell the home for the aged and infirm and other public grounds; to authorize commissioners of Harnett to build a bridge across the Cape Fear and issue bonds; to authorize Scotland county to issue bonds to pay its part of the debt owed by Richmond county.

The House adjourned to 9.30 to-morrow.

The Pilotage Bill.

New Hanover's Representatives in the Assembly and delegations here for and against the pending Pilotage bill held a conference this afternoon, and so "nearly reached a compromise" understanding that the delegations will return home to-morrow and if possible draft the agreed upon compromise bill, which will be substituted for the present bill. The compromise is along the line of the Georgia law, to allow a ship to pay entrance fees to secure a license for a year.

If the compromise fails at Wilmington, the delegation will return Monday to fight it out before the committee.

Judicial Districts.

The Committee on Court Districts had another lively session this afternoon, and finally agreed upon judicial districts, which will be reported to the Assembly to-morrow:

First District—Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Chowan, Perquimans, Washington, Gates, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort.

Second—Hertford, Bertie, Northampton, Halifax, Warren.

Third—Craven, Pamlico, Carteret, Jones, Pitt, Green.

Fourth—Vance, Wilson, Edgecombe, Martin, Nash, Franklin.

Fifth—Lenoir, Duplin, Sampson, Pender, Onslow, New Hanover.

Sixth—Wayne, Johnston, Wake, Harnett, Chatham.

Seventh — Robeson, Cumberland, Columbus, Bladen, Brunswick.

Eighth — Union, Stanly, Anson, Richmond, Moore, Scotland.

Ninth—Guilford, Alamance, Orange, Durham, Granville, Person, Caswell.

Tenth—Yadkin, Davie, Rowan, Iredell, Davidson, Randolph, Montgomery.

Eleventh—Wilkes, Surry, Stokes, Forsyth, Rockingham.

Twelfth—Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg.

Thirteenth — Mitchell, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Caldwell, Alexander, Catawba.

Fourteenth — Yancey, McDowell, Burke, Rutherford, Polk, Henderson.

Fifteenth — Madison, Buncombe, Transylvania.

Sixteenth—Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Swain, Macon, Jackson, Haywood.

Democratic Caucus.

The joint Democratic caucus decided late to night, by a vote of 59 to 43, upon reapportionment, making ten Congressional districts. The committee report, heretofore published, is adopted.

SUIT AGAINST SEABOARD.

Interesting Case That Will Come Up at Pender Superior Court Thursday.

Pender Superior Court will convene at Burgaw Monday, Judge W. A. Hoke presiding.

The most important case of the term will come up Thursday. It is a suit brought by Mr. A. E. McNeill, of Lurgaw, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company alleged damage to the amount of $5,000 for a delay in reaching the bedside of his son who was critically ill at Rock Hill, S. C., and to whom he had been summoned by telegraph. It is stated in the complaint that upon reaching Monroe over defendant's line a conductor employed by the company misdirected him to the proper train and that later he was put off the cars between Monroe and Charlotte and was unable to walk back to Monroe in time to catch his train to Rock Hill, via Chester, over which route he had purchased a ticket. His son did not die but the amount is claimed for mental anxiety at not being able to reach Rock Hill when the absent member of his family was momentarily expected to die.

R. G Grady, Esq, is counsel for the plaintiff and Iredell Meares, Esq, for the defendant.

ABOUT CITY REGISTRATION.

Election Will Be Held Under Old Charter or New One Changed.

It was the concensus of opinion in local political circles yesterday that if the regular municipal election is to be held on March 28th, this year, it will have to be held under the provisions of the old charter, which requires appointment of registrars only 15 days in advance of the day of election, or else the new charter will have to be amended in that provision which requires the appointment of the registrars by the Board of Aldermen 30 days previous to the election,

In the event of the holding of the election under the old charter, which appears probable, election officers cannot be named later than March 13th and registration will begin ten days prior to March 28th. A new registration is required by both the old and new charter.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice February 20, 1901.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Lillie Anderson, Bettie Bellamy, Abbie Bennett, Annie Baker, Peggie Brown, Bertie Crawford, E Drew, 2 Marler Erwin, Gator Franks, Maryanna Goza, Mary Garvey, Caroline James, Nannie Johnson, A B Kemp, Eddie Lawrence, George McKay, Josephine McFashin, Mary Monroe, 2 Jane Merit, Liza Miller, Say Marks, Susan Moore, Rose Parker, Lida Shaw, Nealey Shirley, Marie Vereen, Elizabeth Wooden, A Wright, M Wright.

MEN'S LIST.

J J Avent, C W Coleman, Kennel Bros, M Bowen, J Lee Clark, Peter Fliminig, A C Guam & Co, Onel Lenior Gibbs, I J Harzen, Willi Gibbs, Hennellert, G. M. Jenkens, N P Jennett, W. H Johnson, J D Liles, M Levy, Daniel McLain, Geo J McClammy, H. W. McKithin, Jim Morry, Joo Thos Malburn, F McCune Wm McIntosh, W E Morris, Chas Nixin, Daniel Nixin, Mr Price, H Roberts, James Robinson, Supt Sewing Room, Jessie Smith, I B Shrier, Jas Simmons, Louis H Smith, W F Shaw I Tinsley, J L Ferrell, C I Taylor, F Willingham, J H Wood, M J Williams, V. A. Witchie.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

I I Cannady, M J Dudley, James Pridgen, B H Sharkley.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office. M. C. Darby, Postmaster.

THE PILOTAGE MATTER AGAIN.

Editor Star—We think it more than probable that Mr. Parsley's witness means well, but he evidently does not know the extent of the pilotage grounds at Savannah, but we are happy in his effort to assist Mr. Parsley. Yes, there are forty-four pilots at Cape Fear, all of whom hold full branches under the law, in consideration of each having served nine years apprenticeship. We admit that half the number are all that are required for the service, and that the other half ought to be murdered or starved; but as each one has equal right, we are at a loss to know whom to decapitate. We beg that Mr. Parsley will kindly tell us.

Cape Fear Pilots' Association.

WAS SHE POISONED?

Peculiar Circumstances Surrounding Death of Colored Woman in Brooklyn.

HER PARAMOUR ARRESTED.

It is Charged That He Gave Her Rough on Rats from Which She Died—The Coroner Summoned and an Autopsy Held.

Archie Cooper, colored, aged about 35 years and employed as a laborer by the Cape Fear Lumber Company, was arrested yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock and lodged at the police station charged with the murder of Minnie Aiken, a young negro woman with whom he lived in a house occupied by a number of other colored women on Third between Bladen and Harnett streets.

The specific charge against Cooper is that he poisoned the woman with rough on rats on account of his jealousy of another negro named Richard Lawrence, who is also employed at intervals about the log-yards of the Cape Fear Lumber Company, and the arrest was by Policeman I. F. Huggins at the instance of Coroner W. F. Stokes, who was called to the scene of the death by Alex Davis, the colored undertaker in "Brooklyn," who had been summoned to prepare the body for burial. Cooper is being held to await the result of the coroner's inquest which will be held this morning.

As soon as Coroner Stokes received notice from the colored undertaker yesterday, he visited the woman's house and found many suspicious circumstances, upon which he based his order to have Cooper arrested by the police officer. Upon gathering all the evidence possible from a view of the corpse, he gave orders for the summoning of about a dozen witnesses, who will testify at the inquest to day. Cooper is said to have made violent threats toward the woman on account of the attentions paid her by Lawrence, and it was found that on Monday he went to the drug store of Mr. B. C. Moore and purchased one or more packages of rough on rats, which were charged to him.

The body was taken to the City Hospital last night and an autopsy was performed by Drs. Stokes, W. D. McMillan and Asa Love, but no indications of poison were looked for, but the contents of the stomach were prepared for shipment to the State Chemist for analysis. It is not probable that a verdict will be rendered by the jury to day until the result of the analysis is received from the chemist.

The colored people in the section of the city where the death occurred are much exercised over it and appear satisfied of Cooper's guilt. The Aiken woman is about 23 years of age, is a native of Whiteville, N. C., and had been employed in Wilmington for some time as a cook in several well known families. She is also said to have taught school for a while. She died on Wednesday afternoon after an illness since Sunday, which was said to have been characterized by rather extraordinary symptoms. About three months ago a child of hers was given to a colored family living near to be raised.

A Star representative this morning talked to Cooper in his cell at the police station. He said that his arrest was a persecution of him by the friends of Lawrence. He was very much composed and said that he had had no quarrel with the woman and had always treated her well; that he was frequently annoyed by Lawrence, but did all he could for the woman while she was sick. He admitted having purchased the poison, but said that it was at her solicitation to rid the house of rats, and that he supposed she had used it all up before her death. He said that his home was in Norfolk, but that he came to Wilmington about ten or twelve years ago to work on the Onslow railroad. He has been here ever since.

The coroner's jury will meet at 10 o'clock this morning at the City Hospital.

THE SOUTHPORT RAILROAD.

Aims and Purposes of the Latest Project Said to Be Practical.

[*Raleigh News and Observer*]

The Committee on Railroads, Senator London, chairman, decided yesterday to report favorably the bill to incorporate the Southport & Western Railroad Company. Mr. W. E Worth, of Wilmington, and Mr. Trigg, of Virginia, appeared before the committee for the bill. The company proposes to make Southport a great coaling station, and the plan is to run the road from that place to the coal fields of Virginia or Tennessee. The committee amended the bill so that the proposed route shall be from Southport to some point on the Virginia or Tennessee line, between the counties of Rockingham and Madison.

Favorable action was also taken on the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway and Mining Company, to be built from some point in Craven or adjacent counties on the coast to the Norfolk & Western railroad.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the Star office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

— Mrs. W. A. Rourk and children left yesterday afternoon to visit Mrs. Rourk's sister, Mrs. R. L. Bridger, of Bladenboro, N. C. She was accompanied by Miss Victoria Stone, of Shallotte, who has been visiting in the city for several days.

Don't Forget

that deposits made with us to-day, March 1st, will bear INTEREST from to-day at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly.

A New Lot of the little HOME SAVINGS BANKS just received. Call and get one before they are all gone. WE LOAN THEM TO YOU FREE. Deposits solicited from all persons.

The People's Savings Bank,
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.,
(Opposite the Postoffice.)
H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.
mar 1 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. F. Garrell returned last night from a trip up the W. and W. road.

— Mr. J. S. Newman, of Gentry Bro's Shows, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Miss Irene Bass, of Warsaw, is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. B. C. Moore.

— Capt. V. V. Richardson, of Whiteville, was here yesterday on a business trip.

— Miss Katie Walker, of Warsaw, after a visit to friends in the city, returned home last night.

— Messrs. J. W. Carter, of Maxton, and N. A. Carter, of Raynham, were here yesterday on business trips.

— Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brown returned last evening from New York. Mr. Brown has been visiting the Northern markets.

— Mr. Clem S. Humphreys, of the roadway department of the A. C. L., returned last night from a trip to Washington, D. C.

— Rev. J. W. Paxton left yesterday for Selma, Ala., where he will serve as stated supply for the First Presbyterian church of that city for several months. Many friends here regretted exceedingly to see him go away.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE.

150 acres of Land fronting the river three miles from Wilmington, known as the Hart Vineyard, will be sold. Terms reasonable. Apply to
D. O'CONNOR,
Real Estate Agent,
Wilmington, N. C.
mar 1 tf

TO THE PUBLIC.

This is to inform my friends and the public that I am now managing stall No 1 and 2 in Front Street Market, previously conducted by J. H. House & Co. I solicit a continuance of the patronage heretofore extended and invite all to visit my stalls with a view to becoming regular customers. Respectfully,
mar 1 tf M. MARSHBURN.

A hint to The wise!

SPRINGFIELD HAMS.
SPRINGFIELD HAMS.
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YOU KNOW A GOOD THING.

ON SALE AT THE

Unlucky Corner.

S. W. SANDERS.
mar 1 tf

FRUITS! FRUITS!! Just Received.

FLORIDA ORANGES.

Extra Sweet 40c dozen.
California Navels 30 & 35c dozen.
Extra Bananas 20c dozen.
Extra Malaga Grapes 20c pound.
California Pears 40c dozen.

All kinds of Candies and Nuts.
LOW PRICES.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.
'Phone 182. feb 27 tf

Beachers and Excursionists.

Realizing that the time draweth near in which I shall have to live off of "beachers" and "Excursionists," it becomes necessary to reduce my stock in order to make room for their needs, and as an inducement for you to help me so do this, I will sell all my finer grades of Goods at

10 per cent. Discount for Spot Cash.

Inasmuch as it is my rule to mark the lowest spot cash price in plain figures on every article in my store, you can see for yourself that it is not a case of mark up and take off but a genuine offer made solely for the purpose named.

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feb 28 tf

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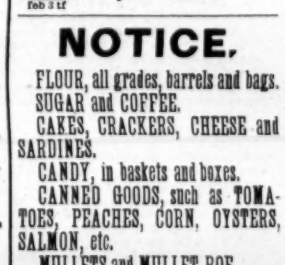

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NOTICE.

Application will be made to the present General Assembly of N. C. for the incorporation of the Colly Drainage Company.
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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 1.

OUR INFANT INDUSTRIES.

When Representative Babcock, of Wisconsin, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, declared that he was in favor of repealing the protective duties on all articles controlled by the Morgan-Rockefeller Steel combine, he started a ball rolling that he can't stop if he should try to stop it, for that declaration was endorsed by other Republican Congressmen, and it has been taken up and discussed by the press of the country, Republican as well as Democratic. Mr. Babcock and his party friends will be held to that declaration, and if they do not move to repeal protective duties on manufactures of iron and steel others will and they will have to face the music.

As an illustration of the views of the non-partisan press we quote the following from an editorial in the New York *Herald*, which, although a non-partisan paper, supported the Republican Presidential ticket in the past two campaigns. The editorial is lengthy, but it discusses the question so pointedly that we quote most of it, as follows:

"The creation of the giant corporation capitalized at more than a billion dollars to take over the Carnegie and seven other steel and iron companies has made a profound impression and stimulates anew the discussion as to the alleged evils of 'trusts' and combinations.

"Public attention is naturally focussed on the industry upon which this unprecedented corporation is founded, and point is given to the recent declaration of leading Republicans in Washington that the time has come to lower the protective tariff. Our exports of iron, steel and manufactures thereof in the last calendar year were $130 000,000

"The plea of 'infant industry' to be nursed at the expense of domestic consumers cannot stand in face of the fact that our manufacturers are not only exporting their products in competition with their foreign competitors, but are actually underselling them in their own markets. Why longer maintain a tariff tax ranging from four dollars a ton on pig iron to forty dollars on certain kinds of finished products?

"It seems that the Republican leaders who recently gave notice that the Dingley tariff must be lowered perceive the danger of their opponents one day making of this question an issue which would sweep the country. With a high tariff wall the big manufactured corporations are secured from foreign competition, and it only remains to combine among themselves to suppress domestic competition and arbitrarily raise the price to the home consumers.

"There are inherent weaknesses in this scheme, and the natural laws of competition will in the long run subvert any combination based on such principles; but the fact remains that high 'protective' duties do foster such combinations, and that when formed they do for a time succeed in taxing the people until their inordinate profits tempt new competitors into the field. President Havemeyer, of the American Sugar Refining Company last year testified before the Industrial Commission that 'the tariff is the mother of trusts'—all, of course, except 'the Sugar Trust.'

"Mr. John D. Rockefeller testified that 'industrial combinations are a necessity' and cited as their advantages larger capital, resulting in economies of administration and production, with ability to reach wider markets. The dangers, he said, were 'that combinations may be founded for speculation in stocks rather than for conducting business, and that for this purpose prices may be temporarily raised.' There is no lack of examples of this. A glaring instance of the old Wire Trust of five years ago, which made the price so high to domestic consumers that one dealer secured a lot of wire nails at the export price, shipped them to Amsterdam and then brought them back and sold them here at less than the Trust to domestic consumers.

Before the Industrial Commission it was admitted by Mr. John W. Gates, then president of, now Chairman of the American Steel and Wire Company, but while this company was making good profits he had just returned from a trip to Europe made for the purpose of getting the foreign manufacturers into line with a view to raising the price of wire ten dollars a ton. The project failed because the German wire makers would not agree to his terms for division of the business. While running the wire manufacturers of England by under selling them and furnishing 60 per cent. of all the wire consumed there, Mr. Gates protested that his company really needed the Dingley protection, which ranges from $25 to $40 a ton on wire. Why is the tariff needed? There is but one answer, and the domestic consumer could give it.

Every one of the eight concerns embraced in this gigantic combine is a tariff protected Trust. Does any one suppose for an instant that if they had not been tariff protected they would have become the monopolies they are? Or does any one suppose that without this fostering protective tariff they would have been formed at all? It was the profits that the monopoly of the home market enabled them to earn that stimulated the organization of the Trusts to work on a grand scale, and thus destroy attempted competition at home, while they were protected from competition from abroad by the practically prohibitive tariff.

While reaching out for foreign markets, they have demonstrated beyond all question their ability to produce at less cost than their foreign competitors, and thus furnished one of the strongest arguments against tariff protection which was given them on the plea that they could not compete against the low-priced labor of European countries, or the "pauper labor," as they called it. They have destroyed this plea, for they have not only demonstrated the ability to compete against that kind of labor, but to undersell the foreign manufacturers who employ that kind of labor. They have also demonstrated that this so-called "pauper labor" is really higher priced labor than that which they employ when the service rendered by that kind of labor and its results, and the profits on it, are taken into account.

When fault is found with these colossal, grasping combines, the answer is that combination is necessary in this progressive, hustling age of keen competition, and that it is only by combination, which can command the necessary capital, that our manufacturers are enabled to compete with the world. Of course combination has its advantages, and very decided advantages. Every one realizes that, but combination of capital for the purpose of producing with better and more economical methods is one thing and combination to strangle opposition and monopolize the home market is another. One is business and the other is extortion and robbery. It is against the latter that the objection and protest is made.

Admitting that these colossal combines can produce more cheaply than small concerns could, what advantage is it when they put up their prices, charge home purchasers extortionately and sell to foreigners at a reasonable price, at a lower price than their own manufacturers do? The foreigner may derive some benefit from the organization of these American Trusts, but instead of deriving benefit from them the American patron is squeezed and made to pay an enormous profit, while the Trusts are satisfied with the smaller profits made on their exported articles, so well satisfied that they have increased their exports from year to year until they now aggregate $130,000,000.

When confronted with these facts how can they whine about "infant industries," beg for more coddling, and cry for the nurse bottle. They will have to quit that for it will make them ridiculous. They have demolished their old pleadings by the record of facts they have made.

IN THEIR OWN HANDS.

With the Cuban amendment and the Philippine amendment the Republican Administration will practically have carried its point and will have the game in its hands. The Cubans show a disposition to accept some of the conditions laid down in the eight clauses adopted, and they may offer some sort of a compromise on those which they may not like to accept in the original shape, and we have little doubt that a compromise will be effected. To show an unyielding disposition would be for Cuba like jumping out of the frying pan into the fire, for she is in no condition, impoverished and handicapped as she is, to have a contest with a nation as near by and as powerful as this. The leaders in public affairs realize this, and this will influence them to concession, regardless of how much they may individually dislike it or what their individual opinions may be.

The result will be that the United States will get substantially all contained in those eight demands. But whether they do or not, while some of the demands are reasonable, as a whole they are a disgrace to this country, for they are the demands of a strong power posing as a defender and a friend, made upon a weak power which has neither the numbers nor the strength to resist. It is case of voluntarily going to the rescue of the crew of a wrecked vessel, taking them off and then demanding some of their most valuable possessions for the rescue. The deed of humanity and heroism degenerates into a mercinary, sordid, disgusting lust for gain without the redeeming feature of bold robbery, but cloaked in the garb of hypocritical pretence.

There are as many self-sacrificing Republican patriots in the Republican party as there ever were. Within six hours after the reported drowning of Consul Wildman, who was lost in the steamer that sank near San Francisco, there were seven applications sent to Washington for his place at Hong Kong. When it comes to office grabbing the average Republican is not backward in coming forward, even when they have to step, as it were, across a grave.

Astronomers say they have discovered that Mars, like the earth, has trade winds. But they may be only blowing.

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VERY PERTINENT INQUIRES.

Senator Hanna's ship subsidy scheme is laid out for this Congress but will doubtless be taken up again when the next Congress meets in regular session if there be no extra session. Elsewhere we have given an extract from the New York *Herald* on tariff revision, which must follow as a logical result of the building up of great combines. The following from the New York *World* bears upon both the subsidy and protection, and suggests the two pertinent inquires with which it concludes:

Sir John Jenkins president of the British Iron Trade Association, gives it as his opinion that "as far as the iron and steel trade is concerned Mr. Carnegie's hope of seeing the markets of the world in America's control will soon be realized."

"These views of the official head of the British iron trade find ample confirmation in a document where we should hardly have expected to find it. In the latest Monthly Summary of commerce and Finance issued by Secretary Gage there is an elaborate review of the shipping industry of the United States. By an editorial oversight the following statements appear in it and become "official utterances" of Mr. McKinley's administration:

"1. That on the Clyde, the chief centre of British shipbuilding, American steel ship plates are in general used are sold at from $3 to $7 a ton less than British-made plates, after paying $6 per ton ocean freight.

"2. That in November, 1900, alone 150,000 tons of American steel material were ordered by Clyde builders from America because $250 000 was thereby saved on the cost thereof.

"3. That, according to Mr. G. W. Dickie, a leading shipbuilder of San Francisco, the (Dingley) tariff on steel plates and shapes enables the British shipbuilders to buy them cheaper than they are sold in the United States, and the duty on steel is no longer a protective measure.

"With such facts attested by British iron and steel manufacturers and by American ship builders, and put forth as official documents by our own Treasury Department, two questions insistently and persistently press themselves: Why are ship subsidies asked for? Why is the tariff on steel maintained?"

There is no good reason why subsidies should be asked for, or why there should be continued protection on articles of export in which our manufacturers successfully compete with foreign manufacturers. The only reason for the first is to put money into the pockets of some of Mr Hanna's friends, including Mr. Hanna, and the only reason for the second is to pay back with interest the fellows who have been dropping money into Hanna's campaign hat.

BOOK NOTICES.

"Too Many Maidens" is the title of a well told story with which *Tales From Town Topics* for March begins. It is followed by numerous other tales in prose and verse, all of which the reader will find interesting, making altogether 248 pages of reading matter, nicely bound in paper cover. Address Town Topics Publishing Company, 208 Fifth Avenue and 1128 Broadway, New York.

Handsomely illustrated and well filled with interesting reading matter is *McClure's Magazine* for March. It leads off with a biographic sketch of Edward VII, illustrated from infancy up, by George W. Smalley, followed by a number of other interesting articles on various topics, including several interesting stories, all well illustrated. Published by the S. S. McClure Company 141 155 E. 25th street, New York.

The March number of *The Review of Reviews* presents an interesting list of contents, varied in character, including an interesting paper on American tea gardens, actual and possible; and one showing how the beet sugar industry is growing. As usual "The Progress of the World" is full of interest and information. Address The Review of Reviews Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.

The Century for March is, as usual, charming, filled with superb illustrations and abounding in choice reading matter. Among others are three interesting papers one on the River Ruine, another on iron mining and another on the people on the roof of the world, all full of interest and well illustrated. In addition to these are biographic and other sketches, stories, &c. Address The Century Company, Union Square, New York.

TWINKLINGS.

— "I notice that fishing for compliments is much like other fishing." "In that people don't bite?" "No, but it results in a great deal of lying."

— Turkey—"Yes, I feel a little friendship for the ballot box." Duck—"Why?" Turkey—Well, you see we both get stuffed in November."—*Chicago News.*

— "Is there any special reason for reserve officers needing to be at least six feet high? "I know of none unless it is they have to stand longer on the corners."

— "What resemblance is there between a decapitated Mongolian and a railroad grade crossing?" "I can see none." "Both provide short cuts for funerals."

— "To this day Ex Queen Lil is worried about the crown of Hawaii." "Any woman can understand that from the trouble she has in getting her own hat on straight."

— "The State of Maine is named after an old province of France." "Does that explain why Maine sardines are always put up in boxes with French labels on them?"

— "These druggists make me tired with their superfluous directions." "What's the matter now?" "Why this prescription I had filled for the ague has a label on it: Shake before taking."—*Philadelphia Press*

— "I have noticed," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "that the more a girl thinks of a young man the longer she takes to fix her hair when he calls; and the more the young man thinks of the girl the more the girl's hair needs fixing."—*Yonker's Statesman.*

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The death of Mr. John W Dixe, 80 years of age, occurred last night at 11 o'clock of pneumonia, at his home in this city.

— Laurinburg *Exchange*: Nellie McPhatter, an aged and blind colored woman, was terribly burned on last Thursday. She died the following day as a result of her injuries.

— Reidsville *Review*: Jack Saunders, of Ferndale, is of the opinion that some sharper in Reidsville is taking advantage of the negroes of his section. He says a colored preacher in that neighborhood announced from a pulpit that a pension agent in Reidsville could secure a lifetime pension for all darkies who would pay him a small fee for his services and that they would have a pension of $2 00 per month. He says nearly every negro in his section has approached him to secure the necessary fee.

— Sampson *Democrat*: Mr. L. J. Smith, an honored and esteemed citizen of Taylor's Bridge township, died at his home on Wednesday, February 20th. —— The town of Faison lost its oldest and one of its best citizens in the death of Mr. Isham F Hicks, who departed this life on the evening of February 11th. —— The grip has appeared in this section in full force. In fact it seems to have recruited its strength since last season, for indeed it seems to be of a more malignant form than ever. From reports that come to us, it seems to be prevalent everywhere.

— Charlotte *Observer*: There is considerable excitement in York county, S. C., over the reported discovery of oil. Rev. P. R. Ream, who owns the mineral rights or has options on probably 10 000 acres of land in York county and the adjoining counties of Cleveland and Gaston, in North Carolina, is said to have struck oil. The find is said to be near the King's Mountain battle-ground. —— The dispensary trouble in Union county has been satisfactorily adjusted and the agitation for the time being at least will be stopped. The law will stand as it is except that the time for closing the distilleries will be extended from May 1st to September 1st. This concession was made by the dispensary advocates to the opposition. —— In a fight over a game of cards last Saturday night at Marshall, N. C., twenty five miles from Asheville, a deep-rano named Skelton was fatally wounded by a bullet in the neck, fired by William Wilkinson, a lumber inspector of this place, who was also badly wounded, one of his knees being shattered. Wilkinson is of a wealthy family, but wild. —— The people of Caldwell county are talking quite seriously just now of having the A., T. & O. railroad extended from Taylorsville to Lenoir, a distance of only twenty three miles. A movement is on foot to secure an election for a bond issue to meet the expense of the extension, and there is some probability of its success.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Admiral Sampson's early education was no doubt very through, and his position in public affairs makes it unreasonable to question his intellectual polish. But he evidently neglected those branches of study which enable a man to express his sincere views in a manner which will not offend good taste or affront popular sentiment.—*Washington Star, Rep.*

—— Yet the problem should be a simple one. The people of Cuba are and of right ought to be free and independent, and when they shall have established a government the question of international relations can be determined readily by treaty. The Senate committee is making needless trouble for itself by attempting to establish relations with a government which does not yet exist.—*Philadelphia American, Rep.*

—— Admiral Sampson opposed indorsing a gunner's application for promotion to ensign because gunners are recruited from "a class of men who have not had the social advantages that are requisite for a commissioned officer." Notwithstanding Admiral Sampson's "social advantages" he seems to be sadly deficient in some qualities which an officer in the American navy should possess, among them being a democratic spirit and true magnanimity.—*Baltimore Herald, Rep.*

—— Rathbone evidently means to shoulder upon Neely, his subordinate, all responsibility for looting the Cuban postal funds, but Mr. Rathbone will have to take his share. His extravagance, laxness, and general carelessness are responsible for the spirit of recklessness that seems to have pervaded the whole postal business while he directed it. Rathbone's attempt to show that Bristow persecuted him is the thing every knave does when he is detected and called on to answer.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

The Frost King's Power—When Elisabeth Was Ill—Cat Routed by a Bird—Seven Sleepers.

There is in nature a king that rules a great part of this fair earth with a pitiless sway. Have you ever seen his work? If not, think of this: What is it that brings the bird tribes in autumn, host upon host, from their northern summer haunts? It is the frost king. He lifts his hand in the far north, and the grass and the leaves are withered. He waves his wand, and flakes and crystals of the snow, as beautiful as any created forms upon earth, come falling in myriads, to cover the food of the birds from sight.

But winter has a beauty all its own.

You have often caught the first crisp flakes of snow in early winter upon the cool, dark sleeve of your coat and have wondered at the perfect beauty of the many shapes. I know your teacher has with artistic skill drawn for you frost patterns on paper till you have seen that he who makes the blossom and the leaf so beautiful bestows no less of honor upon the crystals of the frost. And the frost on the windows, have you never admired its patterning? "Just a bristly glaze of white," that grumbler thought it. But look you closer and better, and look again. Will it surprise you greatly to be told that frost patterns, like leaf patterns, have both settled and definite formations? They may combine indeed into endless variations, but the simple patterns remain the same. Where most of you live, in what are called the temperate parts of the United States, there is little variation in window frost forms. But farther north, where our own country meets the British possessions, there are many frost patterns of rare beauty. Yet even in the more northern climes these forms are seldom seen save in the coldest weather, when the thermometer stands 20 to 40 degrees below zero.—P. B. Peabody in St. Nicholas.

WHEN LARKINS LAUGHED.

When Larkins laughed, all Digger City laughed with him. Never was a laugh more merry, more contagious. The men of Digger City were a sober lot, and to them the bright side of life was generally reflected in and measured by the gold they dug. But be luck good or bad not one of the rough men that made up the mining camp ever had the temerity to dispute Larkins' right to laugh and make others laugh with him.

And yet there was a suspicion that Larkins laughed because he was sad.

Larkins arrived in Digger City one stormy winter night, no one knew from where. With him was a child, a chubby, golden haired boy of 4 years. Some one asked how long the journey had been, and Digger City then heard the laugh it was to know so well.

"The kid and I," said Larkins, with a wave of his hand toward the east, "come from there. We didn't leave much behind, and mebbe we haven't got much in store ahead. But we'll stick together, won't we, old boy? Dad and his kid will stick together, eh?"

The Larkins smoothed the baby's hair and laughed until the crowd had caught the infection.

Months passed, and still Digger City learned little of Larkins or his boy. In mining camps a man is judged for what he is. The man with a past can bury it. Digger City learned to know and to love Larkins for himself and for his boy. The man lived for the child, and when other miners were at the Screech Eagle bar trading their dust for drinks, Larkins might be found at his cabin humming some lullaby to the baby.

Often Larkins and his boy would visit the Screech Eagle. "It's just to give the boy a time," Larkins would explain. "His dad's too old to care on his own account." Yet the man could not have been over 30 at the most.

Then Larkins and the boy would proceed to have the "time," and while it lasted the onlookers would declare that the frowsy headed baby was quite as old as the big, bearded miner who would toss him in the air and gallop about the room as a horse for the little driver. To the baby this play was a serious matter, as it clutched its father's suspenders and lisped commands. But to Larkins it was the diversion for which he labored all day, and the room would ring with his merriment.

One day while Larkins was at work the child wandered from the cabin and was drowned in Otter creek. That day every pick in the camp was laid down. No man could work when Larkin's "kid" was dead.

The miners went at once to Larkins' shanty and found him there, sitting on a barrel, his head buried in his hands. He did not look up when they approached, and Bill Wheeler, gambler, who was with the party, touched him on the shoulder and said:

"Larkins, we've come to do what we can. It ain't much, but we can search the creek for the boy. Cheer up"—

Larkins raised his head, glanced about him and smiled. No one but Wheeler, perhaps, who was accustomed to reading the faces of men, noticed the gleam in his eye.

"Thank you, boys," said Larkins simply. "You're good, but you don't—you can't—understand. The kid is gone, and it's a father's place to find him. I'll start out after a time, when I feel a bit better. I'll find the kid, boys, never worry. You don't think his dad would desert him now? Goodby."

Larkins spoke earnestly, and the miners left him by himself, still sitting there on the barrel. They knew that nothing they could do could soften his grief.

That night practically every man in Digger City assembled at the Screech Eagle, but there was little drinking and no stories. They were there to wait and could not tell for what. Some one had suggested that Wheeler and another go to Larkins' cabin to find how he was coming on, when a laugh—it was Larkins'—was heard just outside the door. Then the man, with a dripping burden held tenderly in his arms, stalked into the room.

"Late, ain't I, boys?" said Larkins cheerily. "Couldn't help it, though, for the kid and I have been having a romp that pretty near played his old dad out. Pretty soon now he'll be too old to play, and his dad won't be much use then. But we had a great time, didn't we, my boy? Now, baby, let's play horse. Come on! Ha, ha, ha, ha!"

But Larkins laughed alone, for they knew that he was mad.—Chicago Tribune.

Pet Humming Birds.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe at one time passed her summers at Hampton Beach, and into her room one day came a delicate humming bird, making himself quite at home. The windows were closed, a little lunch of sugar and water was prepared for him, and a line stretched for the tiny fellow to swing upon. He staid with Mrs. Stowe several days, until one afternoon, just as Mrs. S. was going to drive with a friend, a window was opened while the bird was flying around, and out he popped into the open air. "Oh, dear! He's gone, and I shall never see him again!" Mrs. Stowe exclaimed. But her friend, to cheer her up, insisted upon it that the bird would surely come back again. Well, as they were driving along in the carriage the little creature came and hovered near them, and on their return home he flew through the window into the room, much to Mrs. Stowe's delight. She kept him with her until he died later on at Hartford.—Boston Transcript.

Toothbrush Caused Cancer.

"Cancer of the lip," a physician stated recently, "is caused more frequently than one would think by the toothbrush. Let me illustrate this by a typical case which I am treating now. John Blank smoked a good deal, and to keep his teeth white he cleaned them hard three times a day with a brush whose bristles were like wire. He brushed a little patch of skin from his lower lip. Afterward he was careful, and the sore spot healed. But then he forgot, and the spot became sore again.

"This went on a year or so. Two days out of the seven this one place in Blank's lip was sore. Finally it began to pain him. It hurt all the time. It smarted even when apparently healed. He would awake in the night with the sharp, pinching pain there, and the pain was like the clutch of a crab's claw, for he had cancer now—cancer due to the irritation which he had applied thrice daily for a year to that one spot with his stiff bristled brush.

"No wonder he had cancer, and no wonder there are many such cases. People won't learn that tooth cleaning may do harm. They are proud of it, as of bathing, and they can't believe that any little pain or irritation due to it can be other than of benefit."—Philadelphia Record, *Dem.*

Running For Safety.

"Here, hold on! What are all the people running into the stores for?"

"Heavens, don't you see the millionaire's son coming down the street on his automobile?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Just The Blues.

Many a woman dresses to go out, feels irresolute, sits down, and falls into a fit of despondent musing. Ask her what's the matter, and she'll probably answer "just the blues." And what are the blues? Only another name, in general, for a disordered liver and a diseased stomach. Cleanse the liver, heal the stomach, purify the blood, and there'll be no more blues. It can be done by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This medicine puts the diseased organs of digestion and nutrition into a condition of sound health. It eliminates from the blood all impure and poisonous substances, and cleanses the clogged liver. It contains neither alcohol nor narcotics.

"I had liver complaint for the past fifteen years, complicated with dyspepsia and gall stones," writes Mrs. N. Dernier, of 401 Elm St., Oshkosh, Wis. "I doctored with seven of our prominent doctors, and not one or all of them have done me the good, nor begun to do what your medicines have. I have used three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, one vial of his 'Pleasant Pellets,' and one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and have gained about eighteen pounds since I first began to take these remedies."

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Standard	8	8½
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Hams ℔ ℔	10	10½
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Shoulders ℔ ℔	10½	9
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ ℔	7½	7¾
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Second-hand, each	1 35	1 40
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New City, each		1 45
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	7 00	7 50
Northern	9 00	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ ℔	20	25
Northern	25	28
CORN MEAL—		
Per bushel, in sacks	52	53
Virginia Meal	54	53
COTTON TIES ℔ bundle		1 35
CANDLES— ℔ ℔		
Sperm	18	25
Adamantine	9	11
CHEESE— ℔		
Northern Factory	13	14
Dairy Cream	13½	14
Half cream	10½	13
COFFEE— ℔ ℔		
Laguyra	11	10½
Rio	9	11
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s		70
FISH—		
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	23 00	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	19 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	10 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 50	3 75
Mullets, ℔ half-barrel	2 00	2 25
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	10
Extra	4 25	4 50
FLOUR— ℔ ℔		
Low grade	3 25	3 50
Choice		3 75
Straight		4 00
First Patent	4 50	4 75
GLUE— ℔		10
GRAIN— ℔ bush		
Corn, from store, bgs—White	50	60
Mixed Corn	57	60
Car-load, bgs—White		60
Oats, from store	37½	40
Oats, Rust Proof	40½	45
Cow Peas	90	1 00
HIDES— ℔ ℔		
Green salted	5½	6
Dry flint	10	11
Dry salt	9	10
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s		
No 1 Timothy	95	1 00
Rice Straw	40	50
Eastern	90	95
Western	90	95
North River		90
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	2½	3½
LARD, ℔ ℔		
Northern	6½	8½
North Carolina	9	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	1 20
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—		
Ship stuff, resawed	18 00	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	22 00
Beaching and Board, com'n	14 00	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—		
Barbadoes, in hogsheads		28
Barbadoes, in barrels		30
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	30	32
Sugar House, in hogsheads	13	15
Sugar House, in barrels	14	15
Syrup, in barrels	15	28
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		2 35
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess		15 00
Rump		14 50
Prime		14 50
SOFT, ℔ ℔	11	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		1 25
Liverpool	95	1 10
American	95	1 15
On 125 ℔ Sacks	65	70
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5½	5¾
Standard A	5½	5¾
White Extra C	5	5¼
Extra C, Golden	4¾	5
C Yellow	4½	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔	3½	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	14 00
S. O. Hogshead		10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	8 00	10 00
Common mill	4 00	5 00
Fair mill	6 50	7 50
Prime mill	7 50	8 50
Extra mill, specials	8 50	10 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 5x18 heart	4 25	5 00
" Sap	3 00	3 25
5x20 Heart	2 25	2 50
" Sap	1 00	1 75
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon Northern	1 00	4 10

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the close by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, February 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at $1 40@1.45 bid; tar firm at $1.30; crude turpentine firm at $2.00 @$3.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	8
Rosin	116
Tar	146
Crude turpentine	16

Receipts same day last year—27 casks spirits turpentine, 1,254 bbls rosin, 609 bbls tar, 5 bbls crude turpentine.

Market firm on a basis of 9¢ per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 9-16	cts. ℔
Good ordinary	7 15 16	" "
Low middling	8 9 16	" "
Middling	9	" "
Good middling	9 5-16	" "

Same day last year middling quiet and steady at 8¾c.

Receipts—291 bales; same day last year, 790.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c. Virginia—Prime, 50c; extra prime, 54c; fancy, 60c; Spanish 75c.

CORN—Firm, 58 to 60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13 to 15c per pound; shoulders, 8 to 10c; sides, 8 to 10c.

EGGS—Dull at 14c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 12½@25c; springs, 10@17c.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 8 to 9c; dressed, 10 to 12c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 55c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Money on call easy at 1¾@2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per ct. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 487½ for demand and 484½ for sixty days. Posted rates 485@485½ and 488¾. Commercial bills 483¼@483¾. Silver certificates 61¾@63. Bar silver 61¾. Mexican dollars 49. Government bonds strong. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds firm. U.S. refunding 2's reg'd, 105¾ ex int.; U. S. refund'g 2's, coupon, 105¾. U.S. 3's, reg'd, —; U.S. 3's, reg'd, 111; do. coupon, 111; U. S. 4's, new reg'd, 138; do. coupon, 138; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 113 ex int.; do coupon, 114; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 111¾; do. coupon, 111¾; Southern R'y 5's 115¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio, 87¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 40¾. Manhattan L 117¾; N. Y. Central 142¾; Reading 30¾; do. 1st pref'd 70¾. St. Paul, 153¾; do. pref'd, 190; Southern Railway 23¾; pref'd 77; American Tobacco, 119¾; do. pref'd 140. People's Gas 101¾; Sugar 139¾; do. pref'd 120; T. C. & Iron 51¾; U. S. Leather 12¾; do. preferred 75¾; Western Union 86½. Standard Oil 780@785. Consolidated Gas closed 191¾.

BALTIMORE, February 28.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 13¾@13¾; do. preferred 29¾@29¾. Bonds—4's 73¾@73¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine quiet at 41@41½c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 28.—Spirits turpentine dull, nothing doing; quoted at 37c. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 28.—Spirits turpentine quiet at 39c; sales 117 casks; receipts 134 casks; exports 1,929 casks. Rosin firm; sales 2 448 barrels; receipts 1,194 barrels; exports 10,306 barrels. Quoted: A, B, C, $1 10, D, $1 15; E, $1 20; F, $1 25; G, $1 30; H, $1 45; I, $1 60; K, $1 75; M, $1 85; N, $1 90; W G, $2 00; W W, $2 30.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 28.—March manipulation was the sole feature of interest in the local cotton market today. The rest of the list was quiet and scarcely varied five points from the closing of yesterday. Sentiment was peculiarly mixed, with a bearish leaning; yet shorts and believers in lower prices generally, feared to take aggressive steps so long as the spot month was dominated by a strong clique. In the first call, prices were one to six points lower, a sympathetic move with weakness in the English market where a sharp decline from the opening had resulted under liquidation brought out by the issuance of forty thousand bales notices. Receipts at the ports were much larger than expected while the investment manifested positively no substantial interest in the market. Following the call March sank rapidly under selling by the outside and tired room longs and in the absence of anything like stubborn support. It was reported that 25,000 March notices were put out and this helped to undermine the March position. A sheer decline of thirteen points was recorded, after which there was a bare two point change until nearly the close. It was reported that the parties who had issued March notices were buying the same option in the pit at thirteen points under the prices at which the same cotton was sold late yesterday. That they intended to reissue notices on the same cotton again to-morrow and repeat to-day's performance, was rumored late in the session and gave belated longs additional cause for alarm. Shorts feared a final corner of March room bears and in efforts to cover present crop month over sales, held these options well up to the bid level of last night. Wall street, the South, the West and Europe furnished few orders. Trading at no time was active and for the most part comprised settlements of old accounts as a matter of precaution and pending a return of normal conditions. The market was finally quiet with prices net twelve points lower on March with others unchanged to three points lower.

NEW YORK, Feb 27.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 9¼c.

Cotton futures market closed quiet as follows: March 8.90, April 8 95, May 8 99, June 8 97, July 8.99, August 8 64, September 8 20, October 7.97, November 7 88, December 7 85.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 1 16c lower; middling uplands 9¼c; middling gulf 9¼c; sales 2 110 bales.

Net receipts 1,877 bales; gross receipts 1,981 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 24 767 bales; exports to Great Britain 6,151 bales; exports to the Continent 9,585 bales; stock 852,702 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 107.203 bales; exports to Great Britain 38,048 bales; exports to the Continent 59,169.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 5,830 770 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,187,840 bales; exports to France 504,169 bales; exports to the Continent 1,681,702 bales.

February 28.—Galveston, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 3,817 bales; Norfolk, dull at 9¼c, net receipts 2,500 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9 5-16c, net receipts — bales; Boston, dull at 9 5 16c, net receipts 637 bales; Wilmington, firm at 9c, net receipts 291bales; Philadelphia quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 236 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9 1 16c, net receipts

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WONDERFUL SCALES.

Will Weigh Accurately a Pound of Feathers or Two Big Cannon.

While Washington is not a manufacturing city, with large industrial enterprises requiring the use of monster weighing machines, or "scales," as they are commonly called, it has many weight determining balances and one at least which leads all others in this country. The large scales upon which entire freight cars, with their loads of many tons, are weighed are considered colossal, but with all their immensity they are meager in the eyes of Uncle Sam, who went the railroad magnates of the country "one better" by installing at the navy yard the largest pair of scales in the country.

This machine can outweigh the largest railroad scales by 50 tons, and when it is considered that its results must be accurate to a pound, while railroad scales are considered good when they come within 50 pounds of the exact weight, the result obtained is little less than marvelous. The scales are scarcely two years old, having been brought here during October, 1898, and set in position in the south end of the big navy yard near one of the gunshops. A track leads from the gunshop to a forge and crosses the flooring of the big scales about ten feet east of the entrance to the latter building. A considerable period of time was required for the manufacture and erection of this monster machine. It was brought here in sections, and the greatest care was exercised in reassembling the various sections of steel so that the poise of the broad platform should be exact.

Hundreds of visitors have trod across this platform without knowing they were near one of the most interesting mechanical contrivances in the national capital. They are not mentioned in the guidebooks, and the men at the navy yard do not call attention to the scales par excellence unless perhaps a flat car happens to be on the platform being weighed, with its load of two or three great guns. All the large ordnance manufactured for the navy is weighed upon this machine. It was built for that special purpose and has given great satisfaction, two years of usage having failed to dull its sensitive nature.

There is nothing attractive about the scales. From the surface of the ground they look like ordinary hay scales. Their delicate mechanism, like the vital organs of the human body, is invisible to the eye. The most intricate parts are in a broad pit below the ground. Close investigation, however, and a footrule would show that the platform of the machine is 48 feet long and 12 feet wide. Beneath the powerful machinery is a cement base laid upon long piles. The ground is somewhat low, and it was necessary to utilize the services of a pile driver to secure a stable foundation. A solid base is one of the prime requisites of a perfect weighing machine.

When the government sought bids for the erection of the machine, notices were sent to all the leading scale manufacturers in the country, and the lowest bidder received the contract. Much of its fine and peculiarly sensitive apparatus was specially manufactured for use in the big machine, which differs in its parts from any other scales in the country. The completed structure is regarded as the finest of its kind in the world, a model and marvel of modern mechanism, as well as a splendid achievement for American ingenuity.

In order to illustrate the accuracy of the counterpoise of the huge machine to a reporter an officer in the bureau of yards and docks picked up a half brick which was lying near by and tossed it upon the platform of the big scales. He then consulted a long brass lever in the reading box along the edge of the platform and found that the weight of the brickbat was just one pound.

Turning to the reporter, he said the machine is so sensitive that it will give the exact weight of anything from a pound of feathers to a pair of 13 inch guns and do it accurately. The capacity of the scales is 150 tons, or double the capacity of the old set, removed when the present apparatus was installed. A 13 inch gun weighs about 55 tons. Two of these monster instruments of war, reclining on a 48 foot car truck, can be weighed on the machine without taxing its capacity.—Washington Post.

How to Stack Fodder.

I have stacked fodder for a number of years and find no trouble in stacking it so it will keep for two years perfectly dry and as good as when first stacked. Any one who understands stacking wheat, oats or rye can stack fodder, as they are stacked exactly the same. The knack in stacking is to commence the bottom right and keep the middle full. The size of the bottom must depend on the amount of fodder you wish to put in one stack. I always tie my fodder into bundles in the field, either by machinery or by hand, which makes it much easier to handle. In making a round stack I commence by throwing bundles in the middle until, when setting my fodder around the middle, the bundles will stand at about one-third pitch, continuing to set bundles around the center until the bottom is the size you wish your stacks to be, always keeping butts out and the middle full as you carry your stack up. If the bundles are kept from one-third to one-fourth pitch, there is no doubt but what the stack will shed snow and rain. In topping out keep drawing in until the tops of one bundle overlap the other, to keep the water out. It will not require a stake to keep it in place, but I make it a rule to finish up on the west side of my stack. A rick is built the same way, only the middle is long instead of round.—Prairie Farmer.

American Tobacco at Paris Exposition.

The exhibit of American tobacco, embracing several hundred bunches, has probably never before been equaled in any international exposition. The French customs officers were astounded when they first saw it. A remarkable variety of leaf—in size, color and quality—is to be found in this collection. Florida sends quantities of fine Cuban tobacco not over 12 or 15 inches long. Porto Rico, Connecticut, southern New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio are well represented. And from Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Texas come stalks that are two or three feet long. A good deal of the latter furnishes the negro and Italian laborer in America with plug and smoking tobacco. But all of the leaf shown is suitable for exportation.—New York Tribune.

Had to Walk.

The intoxicated gentleman stared in a bewildered manner at the sign on the bridge. The sign read, "Loads must not be taken across this bridge faster than a walk."

After giving the sign profound study, he observed:

"Don't shee how fellersh wil loadsh can do better'n a walk, nohow!"—Baltimore American.

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

The Daisy and Its Family—The Cats of Ancient Egypt—A Vacation Song.

The handsome ox eyed daisy grows wild in many parts of the United States and Canada, and where it is not found there are sure to be others of the large family to which it belongs—the compositæ.

When we gather a daisy or a dandelion or an aster or any other of this family, we do not gather a single blossom, but a whole head of little ones closely crowded together—a composite flower, as the name explains. Often the flowers around the outside of the cluster are a different color from those in the center, as in this daisy the center blossoms are yellow and the outside ones white, or, as in the Black Eyed Susan, there is a brown middle, with yellow around the edge.

You will see, in looking at one of these daisies, that the outer ring of flowers is different from the middle one in shape as well as color. The outer blossoms are long and flat—strap shaped, the botanists call them—while the inner ones are tube shaped. The outer blossoms look like single petals and in many members of this family have neither stamens nor pistils or pistils only, while the inner are perfect, having all their parts, though it may take a microscope to see them.

Having strap shaped and tube shaped blossoms in the same head is one way in which the composite flowers are arranged. The daisies are so and the asters and the great sunflowers. But the thistle and the purple ironweed and the burdock and others have all the flowers tubular, while the dandelions and chicory have them all strap shaped. So these are the three different ways of arranging these two kinds of flowers.

In every blossom that has stamens there are five of them, and they are joined together by the upper part into a little tube, through which the pistil passes. This peculiar arrangement of the petals is one mark of the family, while the composite heads are another.

The compositæ have little dry seeds, one to each blossom, and they may furnish them with hooks, as the burdock does, so that they may cling to passing people and animals, to be carried far away from where they grew, or, like the dandelion and thistle, they may give their seed children white wings to sail away on the wind, or they may simply drop them to the ground, as the sunflower does.

The word daisy means "day's eye," because the European daisy, which first bore the name, opens in the sunlight and closes at night. It is this flower, and not the ox eye, which is referred to in most of the daisy songs and stories. The sunflower so loves the sun that the Greeks made a beautiful story to explain why it always turns its face to him, and many others are very dependent upon light. Another composite, the thistle, is the Scotch national flower, and there is a story to that too.—Honora Jacob in Pittsburg Dispatch.

Cats of Ancient Egypt.

Ancient Egypt must have been a paradise for cats, for the Egyptians held them in great reverence, amounting even to worship. Magnificent temples were erected in honor of cats that had died, and the death of the family cat was considered a sad loss, the members of the family shaving off their eyebrows as a sign of grief and respect.

As it was customary to mummify the bodies of humans in those days, the beloved cats were mummified also, that they might be with their young masters and mistresses in paradise. The British museum has a number of Egyptian cat mummies, the dried bodies of the feline pets being wrapped in fold after fold of rich burial cloths. These mummy cats are incased in wood carvings representing the cats as they looked in life. Once in awhile the cat of some very fond or very rich Egyptian would rest in its own effigy in bronze ornamented with jewels and gold. Some of these mummy cases are supplied with crystal eyes in order that the spirit of the cat may look out.

In those good old Egyptian days every care was taken that the revered cat should live to a green old age, and a slave caught abusing or neglecting the household pet and mascot was a candidate for burial soon after.

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If you are thinking of buying anything for the Spring season I would like to say that I have lots of Spring Goods on hand.

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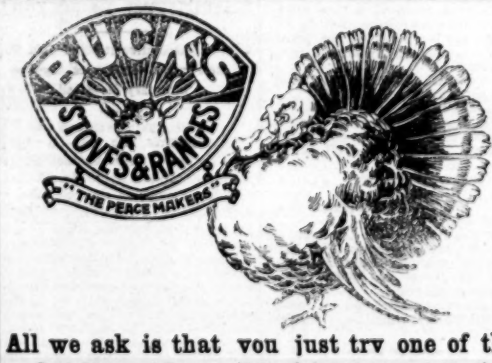

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern.....	8 37	9 00
7 00	7 07	Morehead City.	7 20	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro, 8.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 8.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.10 A. M., Warsaw 11.34 A. M., Goldsboro 12.30 P. M., Wilson 1.18 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.48 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.40 P. M., Petersburg 5.25 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Norfolk 5.15 P. M., Washington 11.50 P. M. Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.52 A. M., *Boston 3.40 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 7.40 P. M., Warsaw 8.03 P. M., Goldsboro 8.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., *Tarboro 6.40 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.02 P. M., Weldon 1.30 A. M., *Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 3.10 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.30 A. M., Philadelphia 10.25 A. M. New York 1.05 P. M., Boston 5.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 4.12 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 9.10 P. M., Newbern 8.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 2.45 P. M. No. 52—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.50 P. M., Chadbourn 5.50 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 12 P. M., Columbia 10.25 P. M., Denmark 8.55 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.25 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2.45 A. M., Jacksonville 5.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.10 A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

CONNECTIONS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston *1.00 P. M., New York *2.25 P. M., Philadelphia 12.50 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.43 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.25 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.55 P. M., Wilson 1.40 P. M., Goldsboro 2.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.22 P. M., Magnolia 4.56 P. M.

DAILY 9.20 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 8.55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.32 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.12 P. M., Richmond 6.57 P. M., Petersburg 7 45 P. M., *Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.10 P. M., *Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 8.15 A. M. Leave Wilson 8.57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 9.00 A. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern Jacksonville 12.05 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A. M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 6.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.40 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.29 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.08 P. M., Florence 9.55 A. M., Marion 10.25 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M. arrive Fayetteville 4.20 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.00 A. M. Marion 9.05 A. M. Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Parkton 10.41 A. M., Hope Mills 10.55 A. M. arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.16 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.35 P. M. arrive Weldon 9.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 10 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.50 P. M., Halifax 4.17 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.05 P. M., Greenville 6.37 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.10 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leave Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10 10 A. M. and 11.35 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, daily except Sunday, 5.00 A. M.; arriving Smithfield, N. C., 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 8.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.50 A. M., 2.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.30 A. M., 4.00 P. M., Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.20 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M., 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M. 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.31 A. M., Dillon 10.42 A. M., Rowland 10.58 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 3.05 P. M.; arrives Dillon 3.20 P. M., Latta 3.42 P. M., Pee Dee 7.06 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 6.15 A. M. Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Trains leave Sumter 7.35 P. M., Manning 8.04 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.43 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.02 A. M., Manning 8.47 A. M.; arrive Sumter 10.55 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., *7.00 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10 A. M., *9.30 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M.; *4.10 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.00 A. M.; *5.35 P. M.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.18 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.38 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.25 P. M., Bennettsville 9.32 P. M., Gibson 10.30 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.50 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.18 A. M.

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Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.50 P. M., 10.40 P. M., arrive Selma 2.45 P. M., 11.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.06 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.35 P. M., 12.32 A. M., Rowland 6.05 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.55 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 10.22 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.45 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 11.35 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.15 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.00 A. M., Creston 4.52 A. M., arrive Denmark 5.05 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.35 P. M., Creston 5.34 P. M.,

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 1.

ABUSES IN THE HOUSE.

One Employe Has Not Worked Over Six Months in the Four Years During Which He Has Drawn Pay.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The report to the special committee of the House which investigated the employment rolls, was made public to day by Chairman Moody. It is said that "some of the faults" observed in the administration of the affairs of the House are attributable to the persistence of members of the House in urging upon the officers the appointment of their constituents and friends to subordinate places. In the offices of the clerk and door keeper the committee report that they found certain abuses, namely:

Transfers of employes from the duties of the positions to which they were appointed to other duties, unjustifiable payments of compensation to employes while absent from their posts of duty, and divisions of salaries.

The committee says that one employe has not worked over six months in the nearly four years during which he had drawn pay and has not been in Washington for eleven or twelve months. Many cases of contribution by employes of salaries are mentioned, one of them in the last Congress being $1 600 annually out of a salary of $3,600. It is explained that these contributions went toward equalizing salaries of other employes. The committee finds no evidence of the practice of assessment, contribution or division of salaries in the present Congress.

The committee recommend a permanent statute which shall properly and equitably adjust compensation and employment and specifically prevent these abuses.

EXCITEMENT IN ATLANTA.

Mrs. C. A. Buchanan the Victim of a Brutal Outrage by a Negro—Her Condition is Critical.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., February 28.—Mrs. C. A. Buchanan, who resides at 95 Spring street, in the heart of the residence part of the city and within two blocks of the Governor's mansion, was the victim this morning of an outrage which has caused much excitement in Atlanta. Mrs. Buchanan was compelled at the point of a pistol, held by a burly negro, to give him all the money in the house and cook breakfast for him. The negro then bound Mrs. Buchanan to a bed and set fire to her clothes. Her screams brought assistance and she was rescued before being badly burned.

About noon Mrs Buchanan relapsed into a comatose state, and has been unable to identify the assailant or recognize her friends around the bedside. The attending physicians consider her condition critical.

Intense excitement exists throughout the city and should the negro be caught and identified, it is believed the greatest police and military protection will be necessary to protect him from violence.

A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

Fifty Thousand Turkish Troops Concentrating on Bulgarian Frontier.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 1.—"An imperial irade orders the concentration of 50,000 Turkish troops on the Bulgarian frontier, near Kustendil," says the Constantinople correspondent of the *Daily Mail*.

"This measure is taken on the advice of the ministry of war, owing to the agitation of the revolutionary Bulgarian committees in Macedonia, which is assuming the form of brigandage on a large scale.

"Prince Ferdinand opposes the operations of the Macedonian committee, but is believed to be powerless to stop them, and there is no doubt that sympathizers in Bulgaria are providing the promoters of the revolution with arms.

"Numerous arrests of armed Bulgarians in Macedonia have been made, among them Bulgarian officers, priests and merchants. All prove to be accomplices of the revolutionary movement."

IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Gen. DeWet's Forces Number 2,000 Men. Trying to Cross Orange River.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

DE AAR, CAPE COLONY, February 28.—The combined forces of General DeWet and Commandent Hertzog are now east of Philipstown, about forty miles northeast of here. The total number of men is about 2,000.

OUDTSHOORN, CAPE COLONY, Feb. 28.—General DeWet, it is officially asserted, having failed to cross the Orange river at Daltorspoort, is hurrying to Roenfontein by way of Petrusville.

The Orange river is falling fast.

LONDON, February 28.—The *Sun* says it is officially announced that General Botha the commander in chief of the Boer forces, has surrendered to General Kitchener.

LONDON, February 28.—The War Secretary, Mr. Brodrick, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that he had no official information of the surrender of General Botha.

An important meeting of railway and steamship men was held in Norfolk, Va., to consider the matter of abolishing the free storage of merchandise in the railway and steamship warehouses of this port. They unanimously decided to abolish unlimited free storage of freight of all character after March 31st.

Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Poole, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Helena, Mont.

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SENATE'S SERENITY NOT DISTURBED.

An Immense Amount of Business Disposed of at Yesterday's Session.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

Passed Without a Word of Discussion and With Amendment Appropriating $250,000 for Improvement of Cape Fear River.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The serenity of to day's proceedings in the Senate was in sharp contrast with the tempestuous discussion of yesterday. An immense amount of business was disposed of and not a single point raised was sharply controverted. The River and Harbor bill, carrying appropriations of more than $50,000,000, was passed without a word of discussion and the Senate adopted the conference report on the War Revenue Reduction measure without disturbing in the least the mill pond smoothness of the proceedings.

Final conference reports were made and agreed to on the Diplomatic and Consular, and the Agricultural Appropriation bills and another conference on the Postoffice bill was ordered. Conference reports on several other measures were agreed to and several bills of a minor character were passed.

The last hour and a half of the session was devoted to consideration of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill.

Senator Frye presented a letter from the Marquis of Lansdowne, expressing the appreciation of King Edward VII for the Senate resolution adopted on the occasion of the Queen's death.

Senator Pettigrew's resolution to discharge the Committee on Education and Labor from consideration of the eight hour labor bill and make the bill an immediate order in the Senate, went out on a point of order.

Senator Allen's resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Navy for copies of gunner Charles Morgan's letter to Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, seeking promotion, and the admiral's endorsements thereon, together with all correspondence bearing upon the matter, was adopted.

The conference report on the Military Academy Appropriation bill was agreed to.

The conference report on the measure creating a commission for the adjudication of Spanish war claims, in accordance with Article VII. of the treaty of Paris, was agreed to after Senator Butler, North Carolina, said he feared the enactment of the law would inaugurate a raid upon the treasury. Senator Foraker replied to this that the total amount of claims now on file was less than $20 000,000.

A resolution by Senator Pettigrew to discharge the Inter State Commerce committee from consideration of the bill to secure the safety of railway employes and enforce the adoption of automatic railway couplers went over.

The River and Harbor bill, carrying $50,164,526, a reduction of almost ten millions from the House bill, was taken up.

A committee amendment directing the Secretary of War to report as to the necessity and desirability of affording protection to rice plantations along the Savannah river in South Carolina from the effects of government work on the river, was made the subject of facetious remarks by Senator Chandler. The amendment was agreed to.

The conference report upon the War Revenue Reduction bill was presented and agreed to without division.

A conference report upon the bill amending an act temporarily to provide for revenues for Porto Rico and to increase the salary of the commissioner of education was adopted.

Senators Wolcott, Chandler and Butler were named as conferees for a further conference on the Postoffice Appropriation bill.

The reading of the River and Harbor bill was continued. An amendment was offered by Senator Nelson, in charge of the bill, directing the Secretary of War to make a survey of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal to ascertain the cost of its enlargement for a ship canal to accommodate vessels of the greatest draught and the annual cost of maintaining the canal. The Secretary of War is directed to survey what is known as the Sassafras route for a ship canal and for a ship canal between Baltimore and the Atlantic coast, known as the Chop tank route, and to report to Congress which of the routes would afford the greatest protection in time of war and greatest facilities to commerce by cheapening the cost of transportation and shortening the distance from Baltimore to the Atlantic ocean. The amendment was adopted.

An amendment was agreed to appropriating $250,000 to obtain a navigable channel of eight feet depth between Wilmington and Fayetteville, N. C., continuing improvement.

The bill was then passed.

Bills were passed as follows:

Granting a charter to the general federation of women clubs; and enabling deputy clerks of United States district courts to administer oaths.

Senator Chandler gave notice that Saturday evening he would address the Senate on the resolution declaring tha William A. Clark was not duly and legally elected to the Senate.

Consideration was then begun of the Civil appropriation bill aggregating $62 759 780. Without completing it the Senate at 6:35 adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House cleared the decks to-day of a number of important conference reports without much difficulty. The conference report on the War Revenue bill proved generally acceptable to both sides and was adopted without division. Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, acquiesced in it as the best that could be done, although he stated that the minority still believed the war taxes should be reduced $70,000,000. Final reports on the Diplomatic and Consular and Agricultural bills were adopted.

The major part of the day was devoted to promote the efficiency of the revenue cutter service. Although bill is a House measure, its riends were very persistent and in the face of many difficulties hung on to it with bull-dog tenacity, and finally forced the bill into such a parlimentary situation that it will be voted upon after five minutes debate to-morrow.

Mr. Loud presented another partial report on the Postoffice appropriation bill. He explained that the most important amendment agreed upon in conference provided for experiments in mail delivery in towns and cities not having free delivery or rural free delivery service. He said it would ultimately involve an expenditure of $25,000,000 per annum. The amendment directing the Postmaster General to report upon the feasibility of a government telegraph and telephone system he also considered unwise.

Mr. Swanson, Virginia, supported the amendment for experiments in mail delivery. The report was defeated—43 to 78—and the bill was sent back to conference.

Mr. Hay, Virginia, and half a dozen other Democrats objected to a revote for unanimous consent to nonconcur with the Senate amendments to the Army Appropriation bill, and to send the bill to conference. The bill, therefore, remained on the Speaker's table.

There were several sharp exchanges during the debate on the Revenue Cutter bill. Messrs. Hepburn of Iowa, in charge of the bill, and Mr. Mann, of Illinois, crossed swords frequently.

Mr. Hepburn declared that Mr. Mann was like the graphophone—an admirable instrument for purposes of repetition, but when the accuracy of the statements was to be investigated the man who spoke into the machine had to be interrogated.

Mr. Mann retorted that it was the truth of his statement that hurt.

Mr. Talbert, South Carolina, suggested that Mr. Hepburn's namesake of old (Peter) once walked upon the water, to which Mr. Hepburn replied: "My recollection is that he didn't make much progress."

Mr. Moody, Massachusetts, chairman of the special committee appointed to investigate the pay of employes of the House, presented the report of that committee. A resolution was adopted directing the Speaker to appoint another committee of five members elect of the next House to prepare a general bill providing for the employes of the House.

At 6.10 P. M. the House adjourned.

WAR REVENUE REDUCTION.

Changes in Present Law Agreed Upon by Senate and House Conferees as to Tobacco, Cigars and Beer.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—The conferees of the Senate and House upon the War Revenue Reduction bill to day announced the result of their deliberations upon that measure. It shows a compromise all along the lines of the bill, the changes in the present law being as follows:

Tobacco: Twenty per cent. discount of the original tax of 12 cents per pound as against 25 per cent. reduction as fixed by the Senate and none as the bill passed the House. The rate agreed upon will make the tax $9 60 per 100 pounds, as stated in these dispatches yesterday.

Cigars: On those weighing more than three pounds per 1,000 the House rate of $3 per 1,000 was retained as against $3 6C, as fixed by the Senate and $3 60 as in the present law. On those weighing less than three pounds per thousand, the Senate rate of 18 cents per pound was allowed to stand as against the rate of $1 per thousand, as fixed by the existing law, which was not disturbed by the House.

Cigarettes: On those weighing not more than three pounds per thousand, the Senate action fixing the rate at 18 cents per pound prevailed. The House did not change the existing law.

Beer: The House rate of $1 60 per barrel and repealing the 7½ per cent. discount was retained.

On certificates of deposit, telegraph and telephone messages, express receipts, money orders, promissory notes, charter party, bills of lading for export, leases, manifests, mortgages, powers of attorney, protests, warehouse receipts, perfumery and cosmetics and chewing gum, the tax is repealed.

Bills of exchange, foreign: The rate is fixed at two cents for each $100 in accordance with the Senate amendment.

Miscellaneous bond tax is repealed, except upon bonds of indemnity.

Certificates of damage and certificates not otherwise specified repealed.

Banker's capital: Present law retained, the Senate receding from its amendment.

Commercial brokers tax: Repealed in accordance with original action of both houses.

Certificates of stock transfers: The rate of two cents for each $100 is retained and the Senate amendment making the law include the transactions of bucket shops was accepted by the House conferees.

Sales of products at exchanges: The Senate amendment exempting sales of merchandise in actual course of transportation was accepted, but the rate of one cent for each $100 as fixed by the present law was retained; the Senate amendment making the rate $2 being disagreed to.

Bank checks: Repealed in accordance with the House action.

Insurance: Tax repealed on all kinds of insurance in accordance with the action of the House, the Senate conferees receding on all Senate amendments.

Proprietary medicines: Tax repealed in accordance with House action, the Senate amendment being disagreed to.

The total reduction of the revenue as agreed upon aggregates about $41,000,000, as against $40,000,000 as it passed the House and $45,000,000 as amended in the Senate.

The provisions of the bill as agreed upon will go into effect on the first of next July.

A HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Two Men Killed, Others Slightly Hurt and a Passenger Train Burned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., February 28.—Two dead, three badly hurt, others slightly hurt and a passenger train burned, is the result of a head-on collision between passenger train No. 16, south bound, and a local freight on the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston railroad, this evening at Coal Valley, five miles from McKeesport. The dead are: Frank White, engineer, of Union, horribly mangled; Milton S Thompson, mail clerk, of Brownsville, leg burned off, hurt internally, died on way to hospital.

Immediately after the collision the passenger cars took fire and soon were totally destroyed, only one car escaping the flames.

TROUBLES IN ITALY.

Starving Peasants Demand the Parcelling Out of Feudal Lands.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ROME, February 28.—Troubles have broken out in Calabria, the southern part of Italy, owing to the misery which the peasants are undergoing. They demand the parcelling out of feudal lands in order that they may cultivate them. The prefect has been compelled to close the gates of the town of Ravenna, which is protected by troops, in order to prevent its invasion by thousands of peasants out of work. The prefect has promised to inaugurate relief works.

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INAUGURATION PPEPARATIONS.

Ceremonies That Will Take Place Next Monday in the Capital of the Nation.

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Spectacular Features Will Be on an Exceptionally Fine Scale—Decorations. The Parade—Naval Feature—G. A. R. Will Not Participate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The preparations for the inauguration of President McKinley next Monday are rapidly nearing completion and with out all signs fail there will be a larger crowd of strangers present to witness the ceremonies than Washington has seen in many years. The spectacular features of the celebration as well as the general arrangements made will be on an exceptionally fine scale.

The reviewing stands erected at intervals along Pennsylvania avenue are uniform and unique in design.

On this broad avenue in front of the White House, the 'court of Honor" and many special features of illumination will be introduced.

The circular drive in front of the Executive Mansion is included in this grand scheme of illumination and pillars of classic shape have been erected at frequent intervals along this drive. From these pillars novel effects in electric illumination will be displayed and it is expected that the "court of honor" will surpass in beauty anything of the kind ever before attempted in this country, and certainly in Washington.

The government buildings are being specially decorated.

The naval training ship Dixie, which is the flagship of the fleet ordered to take part in the inaugural ceremonies, left Hampton Roads this morning for Alexandria. The old warship Hartford also is within the same distance of the capital. These two vessels, probably, will anchor off Alexandria to-night or to morrow morning. The Lancaster and Topeka undoubtedly will reach the same rendezvous Saturday. It has been decided at the Navy Department, to keep those vessels off Alexandria, and to bring their crews to this city by ferry boats. The big monitor Puritan is at the Washington navy yard, and will remain there until after the inauguration.

Representatives of the various veteran organizations, who yesterday, through General Daniel Sickles, declined to participate in the inaugural ceremonies because they were dissatisfied with the place assigned them in the parade, to day declined an offer of Grand Marshal General Francis V. Green to send a guard of honor of twenty men from each local post to act as an escort to the President. The veterans declined to have any part in the ceremonies unless this invitation were extended to all members of veteran organizations, both local and visiting from other cities.

At noon the oath of office will be administered to President McKinley by Chief Justice Fuller. General Francis V. Green will head the parade as grand marshall. President McKinley will follow, escorted by troop A, of Ohio. The body of the parade is divided into the military and civic, and will be a noted pageant in many respects. A company of volunteer troops from Porto Rico will participate.

President McKinley had decided to request the resignations of all the members of the cabinet to take effect March 4th. On Tuesday he will nominate them all with the exception of Attorney General Griggs, who thus far has resisted the president's importunities to remain another four years. He will remain in office, however, until about April 1st.

A bureau of information for visiting working men will be established at New Jersey avenue and C streets, near the Baltimore and Ohio depot.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ROCKHILL.

U. S. Representative at Pekin Told That the President Deprecates Any Unnecessary Bloodshed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In view of an apparent misunderstanding in European capitals as to Mr. Rockhill replacing Conger in charge of the negotiations at Pekin for the United States, it is said at the State Department that Mr. Conger was relieved at his own request. He strongly urged that he be allowed to come home for sixty days and recommended that Mr. Rockhill be charged with the conduct of the negotiations. In addition, he is allowed thirty five days for the journey each way. As it is not expected that he will be able to get away from Pekin, owing to the ice, much before the middle of March, he could not be expected to return to his post even if he desired to retain his ministry, until the latter part of next summer.

Special Commissioner Rockhill has been instructed to make known to the foreign ministers that the President strongly deprecates any action that will tend to delay or check the present negotiations there, and especially is he desirous that there shall be no further unnecessary bloodshed. It is probable that this instruction is framed to stop, if possible the era of wholesale slaughter, which is said to be in contemplation in some quarters at Pekin, beginning with the execution of prominent Chinese in all of the towns and communities in China, which were the scene of hoabe during the Boxer uprising.

GEN. NATHANIEL GREENE.

Search for Remains of the Revolutionary Hero to Be Made.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., February 28.—Colonel Asabird Gardner, president of the Rhode Island Society of the Cincinnati, is here for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the last resting place of General Nathaniel Greene, the revolutionary hero. There is doubt as to whether his body lies in the Colonial cemetery in this city, or in the cemetery at Dungeneess, St. Simon's island. General Greene was the first president of the Rhode Island Cincinnati, which society is desirous of erecting a suitable memorial to him at his burial place. To morrow several vaults in the old cemetery will be opened in the hope that the Greene casket may be found and identified in one of them. Should the search here prove unavailing, it will be extended to St. Simon's island.

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THE MISSIONARY QUESTION.

Chinese Ready to Agree to Some Arrangement for Settling This Matter. Russia's Manchurian Project.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 1.—Sir Ernest Satow and Mr. Conger, after consulting with the missionaries, have decided, according to the Pekin correspondent of the *Morning Post*, to reject the Chinese proposition, made on the suggestion of M. Pichon, that they should act as representatives to the ministers of the Powers to discuss with the Chinese plenipotentiaries the missionary question and the claims of native converts.

"They are convinced, however," says the correspondent, "that the Chinese are ready to agree to some arrangement for settling this matter.

"The Russians are taking advantage of the existing situation and are pressing Li Hung Chang hard to rush through the Manchurian convention," says the Pekin correspondent of the *Times*, wiring Wednesday. More than one Power, besides Japan and England, has remonstrated with China against the negotiations that are proceeding at St. Petersburg.

"The time has come when the Powers would be justified in interfering in order to prevent China negotiating with a single Power, while the peace negotiations remain unconcluded."

Commenting editorially upon its Pekin advices, the *Times* says:

"The United States and Germany might perhaps be supposed to recognize the mischief China's policy entails, but President McKinley at all events seems bent on peace at any price."

More Punishments Demanded.

SHANGHAI, February 28—The native newspapers publish a second list of officials whose punishment is demanded by the Powers. It includes Lu Chuan Lin, grand councillor and president of the board of rites.

Duke Lan has been arrested and awaits punishment. Prince Tuan has not yet been taken.

ROME, February 28.—An official note issued to day denies the report that the Italian Government contemplates territorial occupation of the Bay of Nimrod, an important harbor south of Ning Po, province of Che Kiang.

Advice to China.

LONDON, March 1.—The Pekin correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, wiring Wednesday, says:

"Great Britain, Japan and Germany have unitedly advised China, through Li Hung Chang, I understand, against granting special concessions to the subjects of any nationality. These representations refer to the Russo-Chinese convention regarding Manchuria, which has not yet been ratified by China.

STEAMER RIO DISASTER

Coroner's Verdict Charges Capt. Ward and Pilot Jordan With Negligence.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 28.—Captain Hodgson, of the Fort Point Life Saving Station, notified Major Blakeley, superintendent of the life saving service, this morning, that Mark Ellingsen, the guardsman on duty the morning the steamer City of Rio de Janeiro was wrecked, has confessed he heard her signals of distress, but neglected to arouse the station. Ellingsen denies this, but maintained that he heard only two short signals, and that he had attached no importance to them, as they were not long blasts. The matter will be investigated.

The coroner's jury of inquest on the steamer Rio disaster has returned a verdict charging Captain Ward and Pilot Jordan with criminal negligence, and censuring the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for the employment of the Chinese crew.

THE ARMY BILL.

Democrats Will Fight the Cuba-Philippine Amendments at Every Point.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 28—Among House leaders the view prevailed this afternoon that it would be desirable to concur in the Cuba, Philippine and other amendments to the Army Appropriation bill without sending them to conference. A special rule for non concurrence had been drafted, but later Chairman Hull decided to defer action until to-morrow when a rule probably will be presented which will allow him to move concurrence in these amendments. This would pass the bill.

Mr. Richardson, the Democratic floor leader, says the minority will fight the Cuba-Philippines amendments at every point.

IN AID OF THE BRITISH.

Exportation of Horses and Mules—Valued at Over $26,000,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Secretary Gage to-day submitted to the House a reply to the resolution of inquiry as to whether our ports or waters have been used for the exportation of horses, mules or other supplies for use in South Africa. Mr Gage says they have been so used, such exports between October, 1899, and January 31st, 1901, amounting to $26 595 692. The horses and mules numbered 76,633.

No steps, he says, have been taken to prevent the lawful exportation of horses, etc.

PENITENTIARY BURNED.

State's Prison at Lincoln, Neb., in Flames. All Convicts Saved.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LINCOLN, NEB., February 28.—A fire is raging in the main building of the State penitentiary, three miles south of this city. The Lincoln fire department was summoned. All the convicts have been marched together to the prison yard. Extra guards, with shot-guns, have been placed on the walls to prevent any attempt at escape.

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WARM WIRELETS.

The Brazilian Government has ordered its consul at Oporto to return immediately to Brazil with his family.

An American company has negotiated the purchase of the Manila street railway, which they propose to convert to an electric system.

A Philadelphia dispatch says the "Seacoast railroad," formerly the South Jersey railroad, has passed into the control of the Reading Company.

An order was issued at the War Department yesterday, placing Brigadier Generals James H. Wilson and Fitzhugh Lee on the retired list of the army.

Senator Butler gave notice yesterday of an amendment he will offer to the Sundry Civil bill increasing the salaries of Senators and Members of Congress to $7,500 per year.

The safes in the stores of two firms and the postoffice at Lincolnton, N C., were blown open last night. The robbers made their escape on a stolen hand-car. Something over $2,000 was secured.

Among overdue vessels at New York are: The schooner R. D. Bibber, twenty nine days out from Brunswick, Ga., and the schooner Edward H. Blake, forty one days out from Fernandina, Fla.

The conferees on the Louisiana Exposition bill met yesterday. They agreed upon the amendment to close the gates on Sunday, and disagreed to the appropriation for the Charleston, S. C., Exposition.

Senator Chandler has introduced a bill to pay salaries to former United States Senators who failed to receive all that they considered due them. The names in the list include John Pool and J. A. Abbott, North Carolina.

Last night at Burroughs, Ga., John Moody, colored, was shot and hanged until he was dead by white caps. At the same time another negro, whose name cannot be learned, was beaten severely with buggy traces and sticks, and he may die.

Levi Carrell, a young negro, stabbed his father to death at Macon, Ga. He then went to the house of Diana Dockett, colored, and while she was asleep, stabbed her to death. He said he killed his father because he would not support him.

Senor Capot, president of the Cuban constitutional convention, yesterday handed to Governor General Wood, the declarations of the convention on the proposed relations between Cuba and the United States as adopted Wednesday afternoon.

William M Evarts died at his home in New York yesterday morning, aged 83. His death was caused by pneumonia. For several years he has been too feeble to leave his home. Up to the time of his death he was the nominal head of the law firm of Evarts, Choate and Beaman.

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